THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Government has decided to set up 20 temporary Counter-Insurgency and Anti Terrorism Schools during the Eleventh Plan. It is proposed to locate 4 schools each in the States of Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Orissa, with a view to providing training to the police personnel to tackle the insurgency/naxal menace.

(c) and (d) The Government has approved the up-gradation of four existing training centres of the Central Para Military Forces at Silchar (Assam), Hazaribagh (Jharkhand), Sapri (Himachal Pradesh) and Gawaldham (Uttarakhand), in September, 2008 with a cost of Rs. 75.55 crore to impart training in jungle warfare/commandos, in addition to the normal training courses.

(e) and (f) The Government supplement the efforts and resources of the States to effectively deal with the naxal menance in a number of ways which *inter-alia* includes assistance to State Governments for up-gradation and modernization of State Police Forces, raising of IR Battalions, raising of 2 coy per Battalion as commando units in IR Battalions, assistance for recurring expenditure relating to insurance, training and operational needs of security forces under SRE scheme.

Government has also sanctioned 10 Commando Battalions for Resolute Action (COBRA) in Central Reserve Police Force to be raised over a period of 3 years, *i.e.* 2008-09 to 2010-11, for guerilla/jungle warfare type operations for dealing with extremists and insurgents.

Special arrangements for Naxal affected districts

†912. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of Naxalite affected districts is 55;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard and whether there is any proposal of special arrangements for the development of these districts;

(c) if so, the details of this proposal;

(d) whether there is a plan to constitute a co-ordination committee of the representatives of twenty Ministries of Central Government to implement this proposal; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard and the estimated amount required to implement this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) No, Sir. On the basis of extent of naxal violence, 75 districts are presently

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covered under Security Related Expenditure scheme of Ministry of Home Affairs. For focused attention for security and development 33 affected Districts in 8 States have been taken up for planning, implementation and monitoring of development schemes. A Task Force on Left Wing Extremism has been set up under Cabinet Secretary to coordinate and oversee the efforts of the various development Ministries.

Delay in investigation of 'note for vote' scam

†913. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is apprehension of prolonged delay in investigation into 'note for vote' scam;

(b) whether Statements of all the concerned persons have been recorded;

(c) whether there is any difficulty in declaring the outcome of investigation before Lok Sabha election; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) As far as Delhi Police is concerned, there is no apprehension of prolonged delay in investigation into 'note for vote' scam. Preliminary interrogation of three alleged persons, against whom investigation has been recommended by the Parliamentary Committee, has been done. The Statements of witnesses are being recorded.

(c) and (b) Since the case requires detailed investigation and opinion of experts, no time frame can be fixed for completing the investigation at this stage.

Increase in cases of custodial deaths and rape

914. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been sharp increase in cases of 'Custodial deaths and rape' in the country;

(b) if so, whether the directions of the National Human Rights Commission and State right panels have been ignored in checking custodial deaths and rape; and

(c) if so, the new strategies to be adopted by the Union Government to check custodial deaths and rape cases in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) As per information provided by National Crime Records Bureau, the cases of custodial deaths and custodial rapes during the period from 2005 to 2007 is as under:—

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